

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

GERALD CORNELIUS ELDRIDGE,

Petitioner,

v.

RICK THALER, Director,  
Texas Department of Criminal  
Justice-Correctional Institutions  
Division,

Respondent.

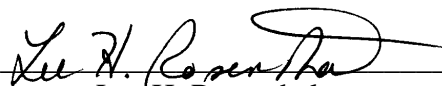
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ORDER GRANTING PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Petitioner Gerald Cornelius Eldridge, a Texas death row inmate, has filed a motion for a continuance of a scheduled evidentiary hearing pending a decision by the on a request for additional expert funding. The respondent opposes the motion on principle, but acknowledges that the scheduled hearing cannot proceed with this issue unresolved.

Eldridge asks for a continuance until 30 days after the a decision on the funding request. The request is reasonable. The Petitioner's Motion For Continuance (Docket Entry 182) is **GRANTED**; Within five business days after a decision on the request for additional funding, counsel for the parties must confer and file a joint motion for a scheduling order setting a new date for the evidentiary hearing.

SIGNED on August 18, 2011, at Houston, Texas.

  
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Lee H. Rosenthal  
United States District Judge